

The 2009 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet was mailed the week of July 12th. If you have not received a copy please contact (360) 902-2700 and ask for a copy or check our web site listed on pages 1 and 43 of the pamphlet. Please check it regularly for updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

Fishers are reminded that a Fish Friendly certification card is required to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries. Contact (360) 902-2717 if you need to attend a workshop to get a card. Gillnet fishers are reminded that buoy requirements, as listed on page 15 of the pamphlet, are in effect for 300 fathom drift gill nets for all openings.

The fifth test catch of the Apple Cove (APC) Test Fishery was conducted on Wednesday, November 4th and a total of 645 chum, 9 Coho, and 4 Chinook were landed in 6 sets. The South Sound chum salmon run size remains updated at a current run size of 400,000. The Hood Canal chum salmon run size has been updated from a preseason forecast of 372,000 to 484,000.

For the period of November 8th – November 14th all areas are closed except as follows:

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to reef nets 5 AM to 9 PM daily continuously through Saturday, November 14th. Sockeye, Pink, and all Chinook salmon, must be released. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to gill nets using 6-¼ inch minimum mesh daily from 7 AM to Midnight through November 14th. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip daily from 7 AM to 5 PM through November 14th. Brailing and recovery boxes are required and must be operating at all times to participate. Chinook and coho must be released and if injured or lethargic, placed in the recovery box for release after they have recovered. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay is open 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday to gill nets using 6-¼ inch minimum mesh size continuously through December 4th, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday through December 4th.

The portion of Area 7B east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor is open to commercial harvest continuously until 4 PM Friday, December 4th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 6 AM to 7 PM on Thursday, November 12th and from 6 AM to 4 PM on Friday, November 13th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Tuesday, November 10th and Thursday, November 12th. Chinook must be released.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh during the following dates and times:

4 PM Tuesday, November 10th to 8 AM Wednesday, November 11th.

4 PM Thursday, November 12th to 8 AM Friday, November 13th.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Monday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 11th. Chinook and coho must be released.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh from 7 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, November 10th.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Monday, November 9th. Chinook must be released.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeromy Jording at (360) 902-2717. Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.